

Conclusions

As further detailed above, and for at least the reasons that (i) Ito is not a proper reference on which to base a § 103 rejection; (ii) a combination of Humble and Ito do not teach or suggest all elements recited by the claims; and (iii) Humble col. 2 does not provide for a motivation to combine Humble and Ito, the rejection of claim 1 is not supported. It is submitted that claim 1 is allowable over the cited prior art and it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the rejection and allow the claim.

Claims 2-8 depend, directly or indirectly, on claim 1 and are patentable for at least the reasons set forth with respect to claim 1.

Claims 1-13 are now pending and believed to be in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that all pending claims be allowed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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